



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 83**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5307

*House of Representatives, March 22, 2012*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. TABORSAK of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-377l of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 No person shall use the title "registered interior designer" or display  
4 or use any words, letters, figures, title, sign, seal, advertisement or  
5 other device to indicate that such person is a registered interior  
6 designer in this state, unless such person (1) has obtained a certificate  
7 of registration as provided in sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive; or  
8 (2) is an architect licensed in this state.

9 Sec. 2. Section 20-377s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

11 (a) A registered interior designer shall [exhibit his certificate of  
12 registration upon request by any interested party] include his or her  
13 certificate of registration number in any advertisement or written

14 communication.

15 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his own, the  
16 certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a material  
17 nature to the commissioner for the purpose of procuring a certificate,  
18 (3) use or attempt to use a certificate which has expired or which has  
19 been suspended or revoked, (4) represent himself falsely as, or  
20 impersonate, a registered interior designer, or (5) [include his  
21 certificate number as a part of any advertisement or] represent in any  
22 manner that his certificate of registration constitutes an endorsement  
23 of the quality of his workmanship or of his competency by the  
24 commissioner.

25 (c) Certificates of registration issued to an interior designer shall not  
26 be transferable or assignable.

27 (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of  
28 sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, shall expire annually.

29 (e) The fee for renewal of a certificate of registration as an interior  
30 designer shall be one hundred ninety dollars, provided any architect  
31 licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2012	20-377l
Sec. 2	July 1, 2012	20-377s

**GL** Joint Favorable Subst.

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) in allowing interior designers or architects to display or use any sign or seal to indicate they are registered as the DCP currently monitors the activities of such entities.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5307*****AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows anyone who has obtained an interior designer's registration certificate or an architect's license from the Department of Consumer Protection to display or use any sign or seal to indicate that he or she is a registered interior designer in the state. By law, he or she may display or use any words, letters, figures, title, advertisement, or other devices to indicate registration.

The bill also requires a registered interior designer to include his or her registration certificate number in any advertisement or written communication. Current law bans such practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/13/2012)